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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PREPARATION FOR MEETINGS OF
THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM)

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1. EMBOFF MET MARCH 3 WITH A. M. HYERA, DIRECTOR OF FONMIN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LEGAL DIVISION, TO DISCUSS TANGOV
VIEWS ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM). HYERA DIRECTED CONVERSA-
TION TOWARD EXPOSITION OF TANGOV VIEW OF CUBAN NAM LEADERSHIP.

2. HYERA VOLUNTEERED TACIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT CUBAN
LEADERSHIP (AND MEMBERSHIP) APPEARED INCONSISTENT WITH NAM
PRINCIPLES. HE SAID IT NEEDED TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT NAM HAD
EVOLVED. THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION WAS NEARLY COMPLETED.
TENSIONS AMONG THE GREAT POWERS HAD SOMEWHAT RELAXED. NAM
MEMBERS HAD ESTABLISHED THEIR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE FROM THE
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GREAT POWER BLOCS. THE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE OF STATE WAS NOW
MORE RELEVANT THAN POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. AS A RESULT, CRITERIA
FOR NAM MEMBERSHIP HAD BEEN GRADUALLY ALTERED. IT WAS NOT
IMPORTANT NOW WHETHER A COUNTRY HAD MILITARY PACTS WITH THE
COMMUNISTS OR THE WEST. WHAT MATTERED MOST TODAY, HYERA SAID,
WAS WHERE A COUNTRY STOOD ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE
NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. FURTHERMORE, HYERA ADDED,

ONCE A NAM MEMBER, ALWAYS A NAM MEMBER. THERE WAS NO MECHANISM FOR EXPULSION. HYERA HOPED HIS EXPLANATION WOULD HELP SHOW HOW CUBA FIT INTO THE NAM.

3. IN TANGOV'S VIEW, HYERA SAID, CUBAN LEADERSHIP WAS A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NAM RATHER THAN A THREAT. HYERA SAID THAT IF CUBA WISHED TO LEAD IT WOULD HAVE TO SPEAK FOR NAM PRINCIPLES AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. CUBA, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT THE NIEO. OTHER LESS-THAN-NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO DO THE SAME. THE NAM, HE THOUGHT, COULD GAIN OTHER IMPORTANT "CONVERTS." IF CUBA DID NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO NAM PRINCIPLES IT COULD DISQUALIFY ITSELF FROM LEADERSHIP. HYERA DID NOT MENTION WHAT SORT OF STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN IF CUBA'S PERFORMANCE DID NOT MEASURE UP TO STANDARD.

4. HYERA CONSIDERED THAT NIEO AND DISARMAMENT WOULD BE THE PRINCIPAL NAM ISSUES THROUGH THE 1979 HAVANA SUMMIT.

5. COMMENT. HYERA'S EXPLANATION LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT TANGOV IS NOT TERRIBLY PLEASED WITH THE PROSPECT OF CUBAN NAM LEADER-# SHIP BUT IS WILLING TO RATIONALIZE AWAY ITS CONCERNS IN THE INTEREST OF NAM SOLIDARITY.
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